

Town of Danville

32-72.1 Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this section is to promote the general welfare of the public by:

- a. Providing a mechanism to identify and preserve the historic, visual, and aesthetic character and diversity of the Town of Danville by encouraging the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of areas, places, sites, improvements or other objects or things that represent past eras, events or persons important in the Town's cultural, archaeological, social, economic, political, agricultural, military or educational history, or which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past or which are unique and irreplaceable assets to the Town, or which provide examples of the physical surroundings in which past generations lived;
- b. Promoting the continued private ownership and utilization of such structures by providing economic incentives to stabilize and improve the value of the property designated as historic resources and strengthen the economy of the Town by enhancing the Town's attraction to residents and visitors;
- c. Fostering knowledge, understanding and appreciation of our heritage thereby creating civic pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of the Town's historical resources;
- d. Establishing a basis for coordinating the goal of preservation of historic structures with the need to set standards and guidelines for the orderly growth and development of the community. (Ord. #89-8, §8-5801)

City of Davis

Section 40.23.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to promote the general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, features, sites, places, and areas within the city that reflect special elements of the city's historical, architectural, archaeological, cultural, or aesthetic heritage for the following reasons:

- a. To encourage public knowledge, understanding, appreciation, and use of the city's past;
- b. To foster civic pride in the beauty and character of the city and in the accomplishments of its past;
- c. To enhance the visual character of the city by encouraging new design and construction that complement the city's historical buildings;
- d. To increase the economic benefits of historic preservation to the city and its inhabitants;
- e. To protect property values within the city;
- f. To identify as early as possible and resolve conflicts between the preservation of historical resources/districts and alternative land uses; and
- g. To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing use and maintenance of the existing built environment. (Ord. No. 1270, § 2 (part); Ord. No. 1784, § 1 (part).)

City of Fresno

13-401. Intent and Purpose.

- a. The purpose of this article is to continue to preserve, promote and improve the historic resources and districts of the City of Fresno for educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public; to continue to protect and review changes to these resources and districts which have a distinctive character or a special historic, architectural, aesthetic or cultural value to this city, state and nation; to continue to safeguard the heritage of this city by preserving and regulating its historic buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts which reflect elements of the city's historic, cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; to continue to preserve and enhance the environmental quality and safety of these landmarks and districts; to continue to establish, stabilize and improve property values and to foster economic development. It is not the intent of this ordinance to disturb, disrupt or otherwise nullify properties previously designated as Historical Resources or Historical Districts pursuant to the city's previous Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- b. The Council finds that the City of Fresno has played an important role in the development of California and that this history is shown today through archaeological sites and through

buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts representing the commercial, industrial, social, economic, political and architectural development of the city. The Council finds that the distinctive and significant character of the city can only be maintained by protecting and enhancing its historic, architectural, aesthetic and cultural heritage and by preventing unnecessary injury or destruction of its historic resources and districts which are community assets.

- c. The Council finds that this article benefits all of the residents of Fresno and all owners of property and declares as a matter of public policy that the preservation, protection and use of historic resources and districts are a public necessity because of their character and their value as visible reminders of the history and heritage of this city, state and nation. The Council declares as a matter of public policy that this article is required in the interest of the health, prosperity, safety, welfare and economic well-being of the people. The designation and preservation of historic resources and districts and the regulation of alterations, additions, repairs, signs, removal, demolition or new construction to ensure the perpetuation of their historic character is hereby designated to be a public purpose.

City of Glendale

15.20.010 Purpose.

The city council declares that the recognition, preservation, protection and use of historic resources are required in the interest of the health, prosperity, social and cultural enrichment and general welfare of the people. The purpose of this chapter is to:

- A. Safeguard the heritage of the city by preserving resources which reflect elements of the city's history;
- B. Encourage public understanding and involvement in the unique architectural and environmental heritage of the city;
- C. Strengthen civic pride in the notable accomplishments of the past;
- D. Deter the demolition, misuse or neglect of historic resources, historic districts, and potential historic resources or districts which represent an important link to Glendale's past;
- E. Promote the conservation, preservation, protection and enhancement of historic resources, historic districts, potential historic resources or districts; and
- F. Promote the private and public use of historic resources for the education, appreciation and general welfare of the people. (Ord. 5110 § 7, 1996: prior code § 21-00)

Town of Los Gatos

29.80.215. Purposes.

It is hereby found that structures, sites and areas of special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value have been and continue to be unnecessarily destroyed or impaired, despite the feasibility of preserving them. It is further found that the public health, safety and welfare require prevention of needless destruction and impairment, and promotion of the economic utilization and discouragement of the decay and desuetude of such structures, sites and areas. The purpose of historic preservation is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public through:

1. The protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of structures, sites and areas that are reminders of past eras, events and persons important in local, State, or National history, or which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past or are landmarks in the history of architecture, or which are unique and irreplaceable assets to the Town and its neighborhoods, or which provide for this and future generations examples of the physical surroundings in which past generations lived.
2. The development and maintenance of appropriate settings and environment for such structures.
3. The enhancement of property values, the stabilization of neighborhood and areas of the Town, the increase of economic and financial benefits to the Town and its inhabitants, and the promotion of tourist trade and interest.
4. The enrichment of human life in its educational and cultural dimensions by serving aesthetic as well as material needs and fostering knowledge of the living heritage of the past. (Ord. No. 1316, 4.86.010, 6-7-76; Ord. No. 1328, 8-2-76; Ord. No. 2041, IV, 2-2-98)

City of Redondo Beach

10-4.102. Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of historic resources such as building, structures, sites, places and districts within the City that reflect special elements of the City's architectural, artistic, cultural, historical, political, and social heritage for the following reasons:

- a. To safeguard the City's heritage by encouraging the protection of landmarks representing significant elements of its history;
- b. To foster civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based on an appreciation of the City's past and the recognition and use of historic resources;
- c. To enhance the visual character of the City by preserving diverse architectural styles reflecting phases of the City's history and by encouraging complementary contemporary design and construction;
- d. To strengthen the economy of the City by protecting and enhancing the City's attractions to residents, tourists, and visitors;
- e. To stabilize and improve property values within the City by recognizing historic landmarks and by protecting areas of historic buildings from encroachment by incompatible designs;
- f. To promote the enjoyment and use of historic resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of the City;
- g. To integrate the preservation of historic resources and the extraction of relevant data from such resources into public and private land management and development processes;
- h. To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing use and maintenance of the existing built environment; and
- i. To take whatever steps are reasonable and necessary to safeguard the property rights of owners whose property is declared to be a landmark or is located in an historic district. (§ 2, Ord. 2554 c.s., eff. August 31, 1989)

City of San Jose

13.48.010 Purpose and declaration of policy.

- A. The council of the city of San Jose hereby finds that in order to promote the economic and general welfare of the people of the city of San Jose, and to ensure the harmonious, orderly and efficient growth and development of the municipality, it is deemed essential by the council of the city of San Jose that the qualities relating to the history of the city of San Jose and a harmonious outward appearance of structures which preserve property values and attract tourists and residents alike be preserved; some of these qualities are the continued existence and preservation of historic districts and landmarks; continued construction of structures in the historic styles and a general harmony as to style, form, color, proportion, texture and material between buildings of historic design and those of more modern design; that such purpose is advanced through the preservation and protection of the old historic or architecturally worthy structures and neighborhoods which impart a distinct aspect to the city of San Jose and which serve as visible reminders of the historical and cultural heritage of the city of San Jose, the state, and the nation.
- B. The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public peace, health, safety and welfare through the preservation of landmarks and districts and thereby stabilize neighborhoods and areas of the city; enhance, preserve and increase property values; carry out the goals and policies of the city's general plan, increase cultural, economic and aesthetic benefits to the city and its residents; preserve, continue and encourage the development of the city to reflect its historical, architectural, cultural, and aesthetic value or tradition; protect and enhance the city's cultural and aesthetic heritage; and promote and encourage continued private ownership and utilization of such structures. (Prior code § 8950; Ord. 20884.)

City of Santa Cruz

24.08.900 Purpose.

The purpose of this permit is to ensure that no person shall carry out or cause to be carried out on a designated landmark, or on a building listed in the City of Santa Cruz Historic Building Survey, or on a structure in an historic overlay district, any material change in exterior appearance of any such structure through alteration, construction or relocation without approval of an historic alteration permit by the historic preservation commission. For minor historic alteration projects, approval of an administrative historic alteration permit by the zoning administrator shall be required. This section of the Zoning Ordinance is also part of the Local Coastal Implementation Plan. (Ord. 99-17 § 3, 1999: Ord. 94-33 § 21, 1994: Ord. 86-13 § 2 (part), 1986: Ord. 85-05 § 1 (part), 1985).

City of Santa Monica

9.36.020 Purpose.

It is hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the purpose of this Chapter is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing such procedures and providing such regulations as are deemed necessary to:

- a. Protect improvements and areas which represent elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history.
- b. Safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage as embodied and reflected in such improvements and areas.
- c. Foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past.
- d. Protect and enhance the City's aesthetic and historic attractions to residents, tourists, visitors and others, thereby serving as a stimulus and support to business and industry.
- e. Promote the use of Landmarks, Structures of Merit and Historic Districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of this City. (Prior code § 9601; added by Ord. No. 1028CCS, adopted 3/24/76; amended by Ord. No. 1590CCS § 1, adopted 7/23/91)